

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Young Syrian Beaten

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700694.007

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Turkish

Applicant: The High Court of Auckland

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 11 April 2018

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Young Syrian Beaten	0:44
Total running time:		0:44

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a video which explicitly shows a group of soldiers viciously beating an unarmed man. Consideration was given as to whether the publication requires an objectionable classification, either because of the level of extreme violence and cruelty, or because it promotes or encourages acts of terrorism to a high degree. Taking into account all relevant circumstances, it was decided that an objectionable classification was not necessary. A restriction to adults is required, because children and teens are likely to find it disturbing and upsetting to an extent that it would have a negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing. An R18 classification is a reasonable and justified limitation on the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.